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SUBJ: CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA: AFTERNOON SESSION-APRIL 5

1. CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS AGAIN TURNED SOUR AT AFTERNOON SESSION, APRIL 5. ACCORDING TO UN SOURCES, MEETING BEGAN WITH FURTHER DISCUSSION OF TERRITORIAL ISSUE BUT WAS SOON DIVERTED TO CONSIDERATION OF FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT, FREEDOM OF SETTLEMENT AND FREEDOM OF PROPERTY, THE "THREE PRINCIPLES" CONTAINED IN FEBRUARY GUIDELINES DEVELOPED BETWEEN MAKARIOS AND DENKTASH IN NICOSIA.

2. ONAN SOUGHT AT FIRST TO AVOID COMMENT ON PRINCIPLES BUT UNDER REPEATED QUESTIONS FROM AMBASADOR DE CUELLAR AND NASTY JIBES FROM PAPADOPOULOS, ONAN FINALLY RESPONDED IN GRUDGING AND BASICALLY NEGATIVE MANNER. IN
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ESSENCE, HE INDICATED THAT FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT COULD ONLY OCCUR IN NORTHERN CYPRUS AT SOME FUTURE DATE WHEN THE TWO COMMUNITIES WERE GETTING ALONG WELL TOGETHER. THE QUESTION OF WHERE PEOPLE COULD LIVE, SAID ONAN, HAD BEEN RESOLVED AT THE THIRD NEGOTIATING ROUND IN VIENNA AND THERE WAS NOTHING MORE TO DISCUSS. (COMMENT: ONAN WAS, OF COURSE, MISTAKEN,

THE VIENNA III AGREEMENT ALLOWED THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS TO MOVE FROM THE SOUTH TO THE NORTH, AND PROVIDED THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS IN THE NORTH COULD REMAIN THERE.) AS FOR FREEDOM OF PROPERTY, ONAN SAID THIS WAS BASICALLY A QUESTION OF COMPENSATION WHICH EACH COMMUNITY WOULD HAVE TO RESOLVE FOR ITS OWN RESIDENTS.

3. PAPADOPOULOS POINTED OUT THAT THESE RESPONSES WERE CONTRARY TO STATEMENTS MADE BY DENKTASH TO MAKARIOS IN NICOSIA AND REPRESENTED A FURTHER EXAMPLE OF TURKISH-CYPRIOT BAD FAITH. ACCORDING TO UN OFFICIALS, PAPADOPOULOS REMAINED CALM THROUGHOUT THE FURTHER SHARP EXCHANGE THAT FOLLOWED.

4. AFTER THE MEETING, PAPADOPOULOS TOLD AMBASADOR DE CUELLAR THAT HE WAS VERY UPSET BY ONAN'S COMMENTS AND THE GENERAL DRIFT OF NEGOTIATIONS OVER THE PAST TWO DAYS. HE HAD, IN FACT, COME TO QUESTION THE UTILITY OF THIS ENTIRE VIENNA ROUND. PAPADOPOULOS SAID IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO GO HOME WITHOUT INDICATING THAT THE WHOLE PROCESS IN VIENNA HAD BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL.

5. UN OFFICIALS ARE CONCERNED THAT PAPADOPOULOS' COMMENTS MAY FORECAST A GREEK-CYPRIOT UNWILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT ANY FINAL COMMUNIQUE ON THURSDAY, AND A DETERMINATION TO BRIEF THE PRESS THEMSELVES IN A MANNER WHICH WOULD PICTURE THE CURRENT ROUND IN VIENNA AS HAVING BEEN A TOTAL FAILURE.

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6. DE CUELLAR NONETHELESS INTENDS TO PROCEED WITH TWO MEETINGS TODAY, ONE ON TERRITORY AND ONE ON CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS, THOUGH THE TWO ARE MORE AND MORE BEING MIXED TOGETHER. SOMETIME DURING THE DAY, UN OFFICIALS INTEND TO CIRCULATE THE TEXT OF THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE THEY HAVE DRAFTED. MEEHAN

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